



**Mayor's Proclamation**  
**Be it hereby known to all that:**  
**The Mayor and the Citizens**  
**of the City of Danbury**

**RECOGNIZE**

**400 YEARS OF**  
**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**

- WHEREAS:** The 400 Years of African American History Commission Act was signed into law on January 8<sup>th</sup> of 2018. This year, we join the commission in recognizing the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in the English colonies; and
- WHEREAS:** We join the commission in its efforts to educate our residents, and we proudly take part in its *Writing A New History* initiative. In doing so, we acknowledge the impact that slavery laws have had on our history, and the impact they have had on racial discrimination in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** We must collectively strive to close gaps in our society, and affirm the promise of the Declaration of Independence that all people have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and
- WHEREAS:** We celebrate the resilience and cultural contributions of Africans and African Americans going back to their first documented arrival in America in 1619. We join communities across America, and the 400 YAAHC Commission, in solidarity, and encourage our residents to recognize this anniversary through reflection, education, assessment, and commitment to ending dehumanization, and supporting equality and freedom of all.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, **Mark D. Boughton**, as **Mayor of the City of Danbury**, do hereby recognize 400 Years of African American History in America and we thank the YAAHC for its commitment educating the public.

*Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2020*  
*In the City Hall*  
*Danbury, Connecticut*

**Mark D. Boughton**  
**Mayor**